

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 764

By Marsh

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Community Development Center.

WHEREAS, the Community Development Center was founded in 1972 at the Shelbyville Episcopal Church of the Redeemer as the Child Development Center by families of children with developmental delays and disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Center provides support and services to children, families, and individuals with disabilities while addressing the health and well-being of all persons in the communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, the Child Development Center began expanding in the 1980s to provide additional programs serving all ages of individuals with disabilities and therefore changed its name to the Community Development Center; the Center currently serves seventeen counties in Middle Tennessee, with a significant focus in the South Central area of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Center offers early intervention services within the home and community that focus on the growth and development of infants and toddlers with a developmental delay or qualifying disability; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Center also operates the Children's Center for Autism, which provides behavior therapy services to children with autism, helping them realize their full potential through individualized and collaborative treatment; and

WHEREAS, the organization is home to the Tennessee Family Support program, which provides flexible support services to families within six counties across Tennessee, and offers Independent Support Coordination (ISC) to Middle Tennessee individuals, families, and provider

agencies, using a person-centered approach to develop home, residential, day, and community programs that meet each person's unique needs and interests; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Center's Employment Services program serves individuals with disabilities who are interested in working in their community, and its Senior Equipment Loan program provides durable medical equipment at no charge for seniors in need; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Center will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary in 2022; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and commemorate the Community Development Center on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary and commend its five decades of service to the citizens of Middle Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.